

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph starting at page 1, line 9 and ending at line 19.

For image display apparatuses such as head mounted displays, various types of optical systems have been proposed for miniaturizing each whole apparatus. For example, Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 7-333551 (corresponding to EP 687932A3) discloses an apparatus in ~~which~~, which a prism-like optical element consisting of rotationally asymmetrical first, second, and third surfaces is used to display an image on a display surface of an image display element as an enlarged image via the first, second, and third surfaces of the optical element.

Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph starting at page 3, line 10 and ending at line 22.

Moreover, another display apparatus disclosed by Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 11-125791 has a configuration that, as shown in Fig. 16, a light source 101 is provided on the opposite side of the reflective liquid crystal display 103 with respect to the prism-like display optical element 104, the liquid crystal display 103 is illuminated with the illumination light 102 from the light source 104 and ~~the~~ reflected by the liquid crystal display 103, and the reflected light from the display is adapted to enter an observer's eye 105 through the inside of the display optical element 104 again.

Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph starting at page 3, line 23 and ending at line 1.

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However, since the utilization efficiency of the illumination light is not taken into account in such a conventional illumination system and some amount of light emitted from the light source is not used as illumination light, the illumination systems shown by these conventional examples are very inefficient.